

Cedar River Anadromous Fish Committee

Summary Minutes

July 17, 2003

Meeting Time 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Meeting Location:

Metering Building, Second Floor Conference Room

SPU Operations Control Center

2700 Airport Way South

Seattle, WA

Members and Alternates Present: Bruce Bachen (SPU), Frank Urabeck (Trout Unlimited), Steve Foley (WDFW), Sam Wright (WA Trout), Chuck Wischman and Bill McKay (Puget Sound Anglers), Tom Sibley (NMFS), Tim Romanski (USFWS), and Hans Berge (KC).

Other Participants: Chuck Johnson, Brodie Antipa, Steve Schroder, (WDFW), Bill Robinson (public), and Cyndy Holtz, Paul Faulds (SPU)

I. Call to order

Bruce called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

II. Approval of agenda

Members unanimously approved the revised meeting agenda.

III. Meeting minutes review and approval from June 19th

Frank U. requested a typo be fixed on the minutes and members unanimously approved edited meeting minutes from June 19, 2003.

IV. Landsburg Fish Passage Project

Bruce reported to members that the fish ladder would be watered up near the end of the month for testing and evaluation.

V. Downstream Habitat Program

Cyndy provided members with a handout that briefly explained the Downstream Habitat Program objectives, funding in 2003, \$1.5 million in funding from a USFWS Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund grant, and the programs progress year to date. She also included a map and two tables that identified parcels of interest in the lower Cedar River and a described the criteria used to evaluate the parcels.

VI. Cedar River sockeye hatchery program

Bruce provided the new member Hans Berge with a brief history of adult sockeye carcass recoveries on the Cedar River. He described the challenges associated with collecting a representative sample of carcasses from the entire river and throughout the run and then expanding the data to represent adult distribution. Steve S. then presented the AFC with a handout that reported on the 2002 otolith collection efforts and the 2002 feasibility studies.

Marking and Release

Steve briefly explained how the marking program was developed over time and noted that most recently WDFW has marked the Cedar River hatchery fry based on suggestions from the AFC.

Status of analyses of past adult recovery data

Bruce asked Steve on the status of the draft otolith report. Steve noted the report had been revised and all the survival data was pulled out. The revised report was given to Jim Scott for review in January of 2003.

Review 60% completion hatchery plans- Bruce Bachen

Bruce noted the new hatchery was at the 60% design phase and design documents were available at the meeting for members to review.

2002 Cedar River Sockeye Salmon Fry Production Evaluation Report

Members had no objections to sending Dave Seiler the comments on the 2002 fry production report. These comments were provided to members at the last meeting.

Proposal by Dave Beauchamp for Investigation of Factors Influencing Sockeye Growth and Survival in Lake Washington: Pelagic Fish Assessment Survey Autumn 2003.

Bruce provided members with a copy of the proposal from Dave Beauchamp for conducting fall surveys to investigate factors influencing sockeye growth and survival in Lake Washington. He noted this was the third year for the study and the \$10,085 requested for the project would come from uncommitted zooplankton funds from 2003. Frank U. moved to adopt the proposal and Chuck W. seconded the motion. The motion carried without objections.

VII. Interim mitigation program for coho, chinook and steelhead Population Survey

Chuck explained that two teams were conducting a hook and line population survey on the river this week.

VIII. Public comment (scheduled for 12:30)

There were no public comments.

**IX. Information and discussion items
Hatchery EIS update**

Bruce noted the hearing for the hatchery EIS appeal was rescheduled for September 2-5.

X. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.